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Attention: Commissioner for Patents

Attorney Docket No. PD-201116

Please find attached Re:

Inventor: CHELINE et al.

Serial No.: 09/938,443

Filed: August 23, 2001

For: AUTOMATED CONFIGURATION OF A VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK

- > Amendment Transmittal (1 page)
- > Amendment Response to PTO Communication of June 8, 2005 (16 pages)

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Docket No. PD-201116
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: CHELINE et al. : Date: September 12, 2005
Serial No.: 09/938,443 : Group Art Unit: 2144
Filed: August 23, 2001 : Examiner: Olga Hernandez

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

X Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated June 8, 2005. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

X No additional fee for claims is required.

_____ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED									
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE		ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	27	minus	27*	=	0	x	\$ 50.00	\$	-0-
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	minus	4**	=	0	x	\$ 200.00	\$	-0-
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					0	+	\$ 360.00	\$	-0-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:								\$	<u>00.00</u>

Charge \$ 00.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of The DIRECTV Group, Inc. (formally Hughes Electronics Corporation), El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

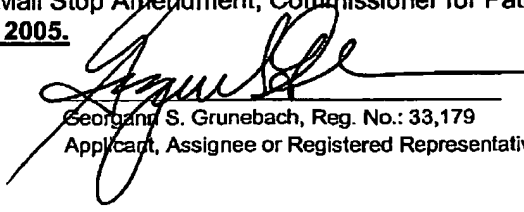
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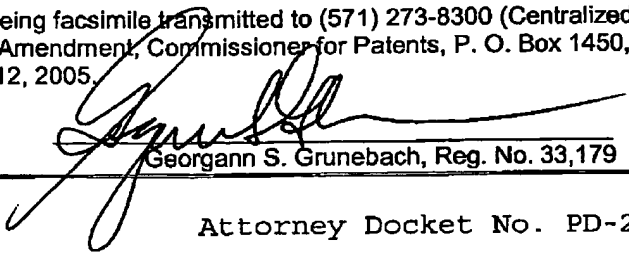
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AMENDMENT B UNDER 37 C.F.R. ' 1.111

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 8, 2005,
Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks: